

JANUARY 27, 1807.

Read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House, on Thursday next.

A Bill,

Incorporating an institution in the city of Washington, in the district of Columbia, for the education of youth, and the promotion and diffusion of learning and science; and granting to the same certain public lots within the said city.



1 Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of*
2 *the United States of America, in congress assembled, That Thomas*
3 *Jefferson, Gabriel Duvall, Robert Brent, William Cranch, Samuel*
4 *Harrison Smith, John Tayloe, Thomas Tingey, Nicholas King,*
5 *Thomas Munroe, Joseph Bromley, George Blagden, William*
6 *Brent, John Dempsie, and their successors, who may form the*
7 *board of trustees appointed to superintend the education of youth*
8 *at the city of Washington, according to an ordinance of the city*
9 *council, be constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of*
10 *“The Washington Institution for Learning and Science;” and by*

11 their corporate name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded,
 12 grant, receive, and do all other acts as natural persons; may pur-
 13 chase and hold real, personal and mixed property, to an amount not
 14 exceeding and dispose of the same for
 15 the benefit of the said institution; and may have and use a seal,
 16 which may be altered at pleasure.

1 Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the president of the
 2 United States be, and he is hereby authorized to locate, where to
 3 him may seem most fit, to grant and to convey in fee simple, to the
 4 said corporation, six hundred building lots in the city of Washing-
 5 ton, in the district of Columbia, of the number therein which are
 6 the property of the United States, upon the conditions following,
 7 which are hereby declared to be the indispensable terms of the said
 8 grant. 1st. That the said corporation shall not alienate, at the present
 9 time, more than one third part of the lots so granted, nor more
 10 than another third part, at any time sooner than ten years after the
 11 first sale, nor the remaining third part sooner than ten years after the
 12 second sale, and shall as nearly as possible, retain, at the first and
 13 second sales, the lots contiguous to those sold. 2nd. That full
 14 power shall remain to the congress of the United States to direct,
 15 hereafter, by law, the application to any public purpose whatever.
 16 of all excess above four thousand dollars of annual income,
 17 which the funds now granted may in any way produce; and farther
 18 at any future time, not sooner than five years, to change, by law,
 19 the title of the corporation, the manner of choosing or appointing
 20 all its officers, the form of its government, the plans adopted by it

21 for the instruction of youth, the distribution of literary honours,
22 and the diffusion of learning and science, and to give it such other
23 title, constitution, organization and laws as may seem better adapted
24 to the end of such an institution at that time.

1 Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the corporation aforesaid
2 be, and is hereby authorized to ask and receive, from the executors
3 of the late George Washington, the funds bequeathed by him for
4 the advancement of the objects herein contemplated.